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## RESPONSE

SIR:

Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of the original shortened statutory period set in the Office Action of March 4, 2009. Enclosed is a credit card payment form in the amount of \$130 in payment of the government fee for a one-month extension of time.

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In response to the Office action dated March 4, 2009, please take the following remarks into consideration:

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